MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible:	yes	
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operty Name: Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant	Inventory Number: SM-532
Address: 41655 Fenwick Street	Historic district: yesX no
City: Leonardtown Zip Code: 20650	County: Saint Marys
USGS Quadrangle(s): Leonardtown	1000 Table
Property Owner: Virginia Duke, c/o Ellen Duke Wilson Ta	ax Account ID Number: 007391
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 466 Tax Map Number	: 133
Project: MD 5 Business within Leonardtown Town Limits Streetscape Agency:	Maryland State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration	
Preparer's Name: Anne Bruder and Stacey Streett	Date Prepared: 01/03/2006
Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Survey Compliance Files	Form SM-532 and Project and Review
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended
Criteria:AB X CD Considerations:AB	CDEFG
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to	to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property:	
Inventory Number: Eligible:yes	Listed: yes
ce visit by MHT Staff yes X no Name:	Date:
Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo) Note: Please refer to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) Form Sarchitecture and historic context. Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant is located at 41655 Fenwick Street. It faces west o Washington Streets. It was constructed in the late 1920s. The symmetrical footprin is comprised of a nine-bay-wide west elevation (façade) topped with a false parapet	n the southeastern corner of Fenwick and t of the two-story, brick, commercial building and extensive north and south elevations. The
north elevation fronts Fenwick Street. It is the largest building in Leonardtown. Cu flower shop occupy the street-level retail space on the façade. A common-bond of a exterior.	
The façade is considered the most decorative in Leonardtown. It reflects the influent architecture and geometric ornamentation. Fenestration is framed in aluminum. On picture windows surmounted by casement windows with entrance doors spaced between the window surrounds. Striped awnings shade two of the three storefronts. A row of	the first story, it consists of three plate-glass, yeen them. Decorative trim with dentils accent
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the second story. An irregular pattern of casement windows pierces the side elevations. Retail signboards on the façade are concrete panels encircled by brick headers. They are confined to the spaces above the street-level shops and the face of the stepped gable, false parapet. A round Coca-Cola sign is located in the main marquee flanking either side of "Bar." A decorative, Flemish-bond, brick pattern and an inlaid concrete diamond motif adorn the parapet.

A one-story projection is located on the north elevation. It follows the length of the elevation parallel to Fenwick Street. A recessed side entrance to the bar is located here, adjacent to an aluminum-sided garage bay. An exterior brick chimney rises from the roof of the projecting wing and extends above the second story of the main building. The opposite side (south elevation) does not have a projecting wing. There are only three, twelve-light casement windows that pierce the south elevation.

A one-story, drive-up, package goods window is adjacent to the east elevation. An entrance to the bar and louvered vents are located on this wing. A flat roof tops this addition. The second story on the east elevation of the main building is also topped with a stepped gable, false parapet, and a flat roof extends between both parapets.

Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant is surrounded by the town square and parking spaces on the north and west, a parking lot and vacant lot to the south and an alleyway on the east. The historic boundary for Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant is confined to St. Mary's County tax map 133 on parcel 451.

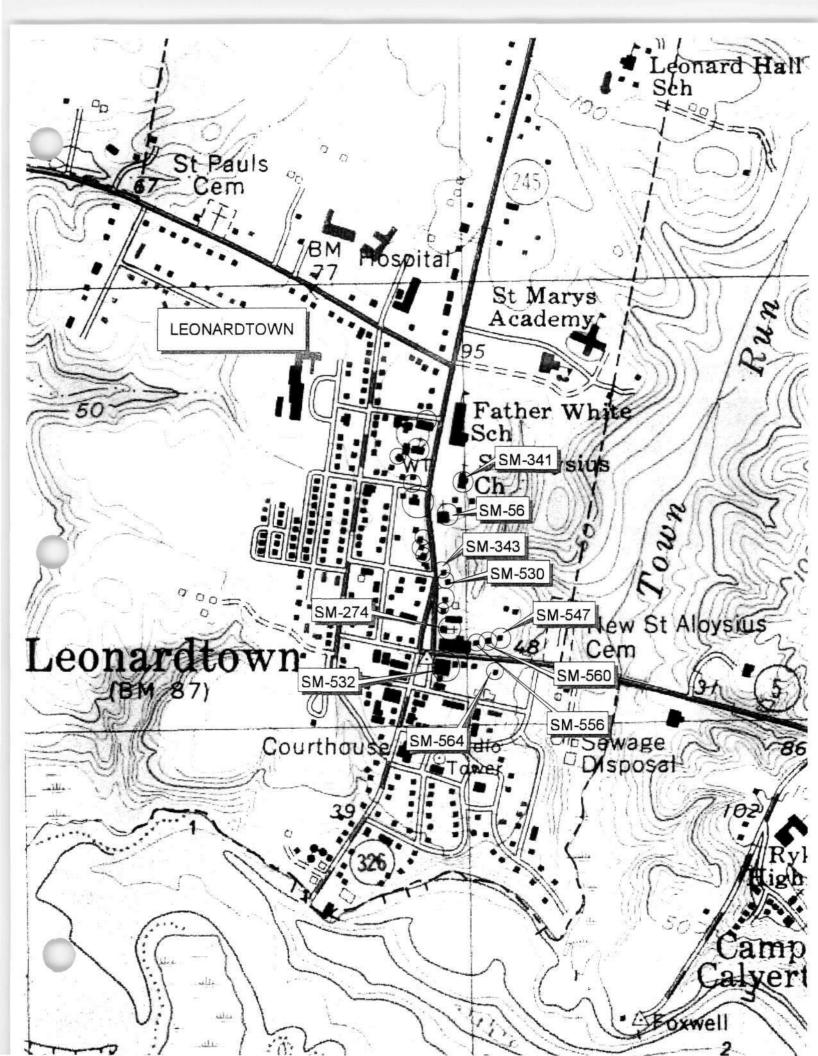
History

In 1921, Roland B. Duke purchased the property at the southeastern corner of Fenwick and Washington Streets. By 1928, a commercial building had been erected on the site, and an auto sales showroom was located on the bottom level. The second floor may have been used as a reception facility. Other enterprises in the building during the early-twentieth century include a bowling alley, a grocery, restaurant, bar, and florist. These enterprises exhibit Leonardtown's commercial diversity. The Duke family remains the property owner.

Significance

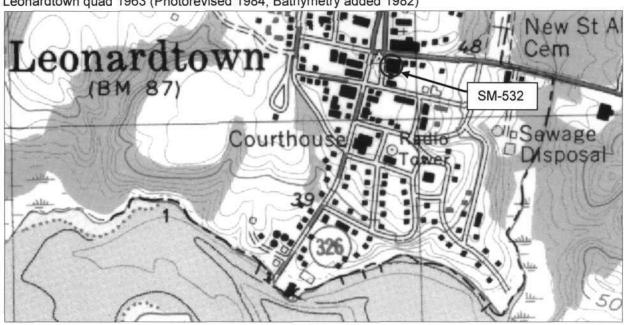
Based on the information in the 1996 MIHP Form and SHA's field visit, Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C (architecture). The building is a significant example of a 1930 commercial structure in the commercial center of Leonardtown. It retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, association and feeling. The streamlined style of Art Deco architecture, with decorative brick walls, concrete panels and aluminum-frame fenestration, remain intact and in good condition. Commerce in Leonardtown increased after the end of World War II and the opening of the Patuxent Naval Air Station in St. Mary's County, and Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant served a variety of commercial enterprise under the continual ownership of the Duke family. Research conducted did not identify events or persons of local, state or national importance and therefore Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant is not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criteria A or B. Criterion D was not investigated as part of the historic standing structures study.

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Capsule Summary SM-532 Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant Leonardtown Private

c. late 1920s

The Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant is a two-story, brick commercial building located on the corner of Fenwick and Washington Street in Leonardtown, Maryland. Constructed in the late-1920s by Roland B. Duke, the building retains much of its original exterior building materials and storefront fenestration. But while extending a significantly large architectural presence in the town, the building has also served a variety of important commercial interests.

The property for the building was initially purchased by Roland B. Duke in 1921. At the time, this location was bordered by a storehouse, dwelling, and hotel as well as the two main streets--making it a prime site for the construction of a commercial building. A 1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance map notes that an auto sales showroom was located on the bottom floor. According to oral tradition, the second floor was used as a hall for significant events such as graduation ceremonies, parties, and other receptions. Since 1925, the building has hosted several other enterprises such as a bowling alley (still in place on the second floor), a grocery, a restaurant, a bar, natural foods store, and a florist. In housing these interests, the building signaled Leonardtown's continued shift from a mere residential and governmental center to a more diversified commercial, recreational, and social center in the early-twentieth century. The building remains under the Duke family ownership.

SM-532, Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant St. Mary's County Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

<u>Historic Context</u> Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme:

Architecture Economic

Resource Type Category:

Building

Historic Environment:

Town

Historic Function and Use:

Store

Known Design Source:

Unknown

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Maryland Historical Trust HISTORIC PROPERTIES State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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4. Own	er of Prope	rty (give names a	nd mailing addresse	es of <u>all</u> owners)
name Virgin	nia B. Duke			
street & number	400 Washington St	treet (PO Box 135)	telephone n	o.: (301) 475-9480
city, town Leo	onardtown	state	and zip code Mary	yland 20650
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

Constructed in the late 1920s, Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant is a two-story, brick, commercial building situated on the northwest corner of Fenwick and Washington Streets in Leonardtown, Maryland. Facing the town green and bordered by two streets, a vacant lot, and an alleyway, the building stands out as being the largest structure in town. While constructed in the 1920s, the building still maintains diverse commercial activities such as a bar, storage space, florist, and health food store.

Facing the town green and Washington Street, the west or primary elevation represents the most decorated facade. Constructed of tan brick laid in a common bond consisting of one row of alternating headers and stretchers for every six rows of stretchers, this elevation is pierced on the first floor by three picture windows and two doors. While two of the picture windows are shaded by awnings, each of these windows exhibit four, nine light, casement windows above the plate glass. Each of these bays also exhibit decorative trim highlighted by small dentils. The two doors on this floor are modern panelled doors. Nine, twelve-light, casement windows light the second floor. The top of this elevation consists of a stepped gable, false parapet that is decorated using brick of a different color laid in a flemish-bond pattern. Several diamond-shaped motifs are interspersed among this decorative brickwork.

The north elevation consists of a first floor extension that juts out from the main body of the building and follows East Fenwick Street. This extension is constructed of the same tan brickwork as that on the west elevation. At the corner of this extension and the main elevation is a single plate glass door permitting entry into the southwest store. Proceeding westward, this extension consists of a picture window with four, nine-light casement windows above it, four, six-light fixed sash, an aluminum siding covered garage bay, and a recessed doorway for the bar flanked by two window bays partially covered with siding and each containing two modern sliding windows. The second floor of this elevation as well as the walls of all other facades are constructed of a six-to-one, common brick bond. This floor also consists of two, twelve-light, casement windows, an exterior, brick, furnace flue, and three bricked over windows identified through the use of different types of brick. Four, six-light fixed sash are located directly above these covered over windows.

The east elevation consists of a drive-up, package goods window, a door to the interior of the bar, three louvered vents, and evidence for a stair to the flat roof covering the north first floor extension. On the second floor are four, six-light, casement windows. This elevation also has a similar stepped gable, false parapet. A flat roof shelters the alleyway that runs in front of this elevation.

The south elevation only contains three, twelve-light, casement windows. Two of these windows are located on top of one another near the southeastern corner. This could indicate the presence of an interior stairwell.

8. Significance

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Constructed in the mid-1920s by Roland B. Duke, Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant represents a significant two-story, brick commercial building in the heart of Leonardtown. While retaining much of its exterior architectural details, the building has served a variety of important commercial interests under the continual ownership of the Duke family.

The property for the building was initially purchased by Roland B. and Kenneth B. Duke in 1921 from Joseph F. Neal. According to Edward Stokel, during the initial construction of the building, a large wind storm lifted off the roof and threw parts all over the surrounding streets. The building, though, was finished by 1929. At the time, this location was bordered by a storehouse, dwelling, and hotel as well as Washington and Madison (now Fenwick) streets—making it a prime site for the construction of a commercial building. A 1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance map notes that an auto sales showroom was located on the bottom floor. According to Becky Proffitt, the second floor was used as a hall for significant events such as graduation ceremonies, parties, and other receptions. Since 1928, the building has hosted several other enterprises such as a bowling alley (still in place on the second floor), a restaurant/soda fountain/drug store, an IGA supermarket, a bar, natural foods store, and a florist. In serving these interests, the building signaled Leonardtown's continued emergence from a primarily residential and governmental hub to a more diversified commercial, recreational, and social center. The building is currently owned by Virginia B. Duke, wife of Benedict D. Duke.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Duke, Virginia B. Personal interview, July 1996.

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SM-532, Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant St. Mary's County 7.1 Description

The interior of the building has been extensively altered due to its commercial function. While the first floor has been used mostly for stores and restaurants, the second floor has served as a dance hall, theater, and meeting place and most recently as a bowling alley. While presently used as storage space, the bowling alleys remain in place. The corner store (the store located on the northwest corner of the building) still retains a 1950s counter manufactured by F. A. Davis of Baltimore. According to Virginia Duke, current owner, the Bar, whose entrance is located on the north elevation, contains a 150 year old wooden bar originally from Baltimore.

SM-532, Duke's Fountain-Bar-Restaurant St. Mary's County 8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber 60, Folio 55

Grantee: Benedict D. Duke and Virginia B. Duke Grantor: Roland B. Duke and Lillian D. Duke

Date: October 27, 1955

Note: The property is purchased for \$10.00 in fee simple. The total acreage is around 1/4 of an

acre.

Reference: JMM Liber 3, Folio 67

Grantee: Roland B. Duke Grantor: Mary E. Hasselworth

Date: April 1, 1925

Note: The property is purchased for \$6,650. The boundaries of the property are described as being on the East side of Washington Street between the properties now owned and occupied by Roland B. Duke on the north thereof Hotel St. Mary's to the stable yard of said hotel on the south and on the east by the division line of the stable property now owned by George P. Loker containing one-half an acre.

Reference: EBA Liber 9, Folio 282 Grantee: Mary E. Hasselworth Grantor: Max L. Millison

Date: April 29, 1911

Note: Same property as listed above.

Reference: no reference given for this entry

Grantee: Max L. Millison and wife

Grantor: Asa A. Lawrence and Anna G. Lawrence

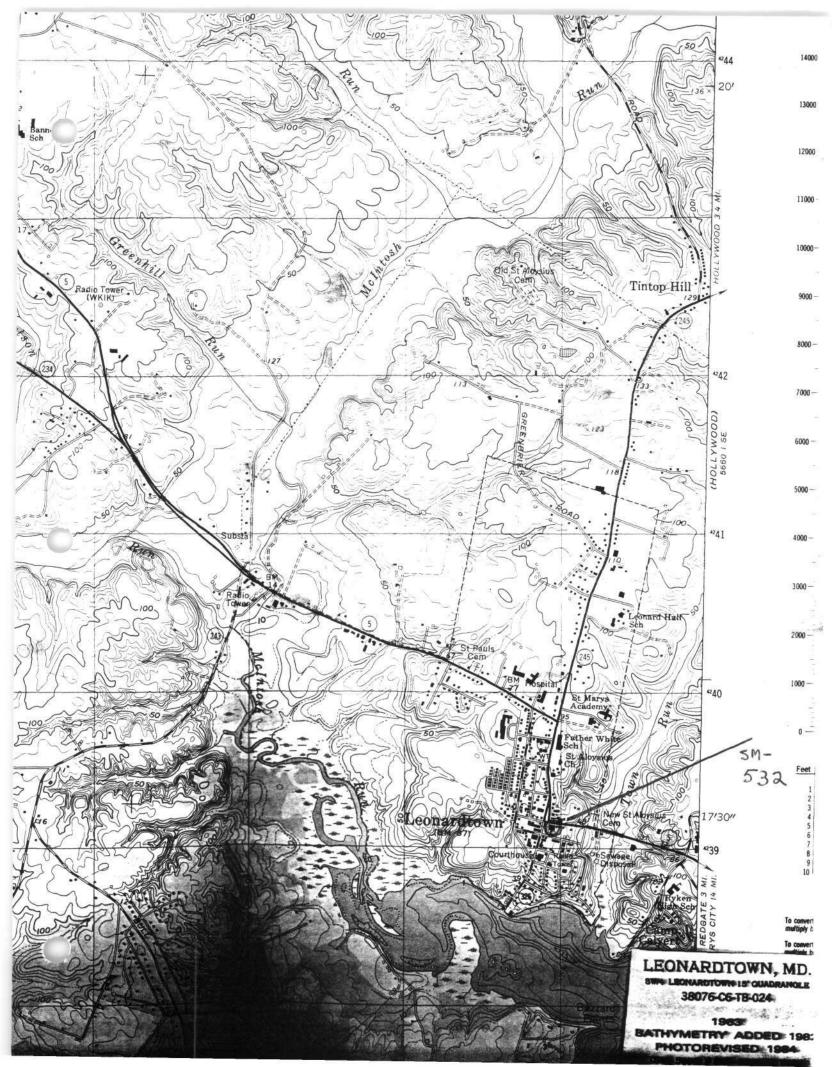
Date: July 11, 1910

Reference: JFF Liber 11, Folio 9

Grantee: Asa A. Lawrence

Grantor: F. Eugene Wathen and Estelle Wathen--children of Missouri Wathen

Date: October 8, 1888





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